

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 9553
Paul Alexander DE VRIES	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 1793
	)	
Application Number: 10/598,731	)	Examiner: James A. Corno Jr.
	)	
Filed: July 2, 2007	)	
	)	
For: METHOD FOR THE PURIFICATION OF A MOLTEN METAL	)	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants are submitting herewith the attached Form PTO/SB08a/b for consideration and to be made of record herein by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-captioned application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii) copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed.

US Patent No. 5057150, US Patent No. 7419530 and RU 2112065 listed on the attached Form PTO/SB08a/b were cited in an Office Action issued in US Application No. 10/577,354. A copy of the Office Action mailed November 18, 2008 is enclosed. US Application No. 10/577,354 and US Patent Nos. 7442228 and 7419530 listed on the attached Form PTO/SB08a/b share common inventorship with the above-identified application. On the Form PTO/SB08a/b "Abstract only translated" is listed under the heading Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear, because there was no where else on the form to indicate a partial translation is being filed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to the first office action on the merits. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted no fee is required for consideration of this information. However, in the event any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 14-1437.

Respectfully submitted,

NOVAK DRUCE & QUIGG LLP

Dated: December 18, 2008

By:     /anthony p venturino/      
Anthony P. Venturino  
Registration No. 31,674

NOVAK DRUCE & QUIGG LLP  
1300 Eye Street, N.W., Suite 1000 West Tower  
Washington, DC 20005  
202-659-0100 (telephone) / 202-659-0105 (facsimile)